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Hearing Aids Presented

The Green Valley-Mars Hill Optimist Club recently purchased a new pair of hearing aids for Terry Wheeler, sixth-grade student at Mars Hill Elementary School. The club organized and sponsored a golf tournament to raise money for the aids. Pictured are Shiley Metcalf, Terry's teacher; A.C. Honeycutt, president of the club; Terry Wheeler; Fred Norton, vice president and chairman of the fund-raising project; and, Frances Cosgrove, speech-language pathologist for Madison County schools. Terry's new hearing aids can be attached to an FM system for use in the classroom or in speech therapy. He

wears a small receiver clipped to his waist and his teacher wears a matching transmitter with a tiny microphone. By pushing a switch, Terry can tune out all classroom sounds and hear only what his teacher is saying. Pushing another switch allows him to listen and take part in classroom discussions. The system can be disconnected and left in the classroom when not in use. The new hearing aids, hidden behind Terry's ears, replaced old, inadequate ones which he has worn for several years.

County NCAE Chapter Holds Meeting

The Madison County chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators held its first meeting of the year on Aug. 11 at Madison High School, entertaining all the school personnel at a luncheon prepared by the Madison High cafeteria staff.

Robert L. Edwards, superintendent of Madison County Schools, and all the central office staff gave an update and all new personnel were recognized.

Gene Causby, executive director of the North Carolina State Board of Education, gave a new motivational speech spiced with humor.

Latrell Robinson, president of the Madison County NCAE, recognized the former members of the Madison County Board of Education and presented plaques to Bobby Ponder for service from 1971 to 1987, Ed Gentry for service from 1978-1987 and Floyd Wallin for service from 1978-1987.

Edwards recognized Daisy Franklin of Laurel School, as the only retiring teacher.

In a special presentation, Alda Jean Young was recognized as teacher of the year. Young teaches English at Madison High.



Alda Jean Young, an English teacher at Madison High School, receives a plaque from Latrelle Robinson, president of the Madison County NCAE chapter, for her selection as teacher of the year.

U.S. Marshall Aids Sheriff In Drug Arrests

The Madison County Sheriff's Office, working in cooperation with the U.S. Marshall's Office, has arrested two Shelton Laurel residents on drug charges.

The arrests came Tuesday in two separate drug raids in the Shelton Laurel area, according to Madison County Deputy Tom Simpson.

The N.C. State Bureau of Investigation also participated in the arrests.

The two suspects, whose names are being held pending further investigation, were both charged with felony manufacturing of a controlled substance.

U.S. Marshall Ralph Jenkins and two assistant marshalls came to Madison County to help authorities in their on-going efforts to battle marijuana production, Simpson said.

Woman Indicted On Drug Fraud

The N.C. State Bureau of Investigation has arrested Karen Ledford Sheppard of Mars Hill on 15 charges of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Judicial District Attorney's Office. SBI agents Mika Elliott and Bob Kaiser arrested her last Thursday. She has been released on bond and is scheduled to appear in Madison County Superior Court on Monday.

"The arrest came at the end of an investigation into illegal activity on her part going back to December 1986," Bailey said.

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Dudasik To Serve With Victims Group

Leigh Dudasik of Marshall was recently elected to serve a second term as public relations chairman and a second term on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Victim Assistance Network.

The North Carolina Victim Assistance Network (NCVAN) is a newly formed coalition formed by citizens from varied backgrounds who are concerned about victims of crime.

The goal of NCVAN is to educate the public about the effect of crime victimization and advocate for the fair treatment of crime victims in order to insure that the N.C. Criminal Justice System will treat victims and their families with justice, dignity and compassion, according to coalition spokesmen.

Dudasik presently serves as

Outreach coordinator of the Rape Crisis Center of Madison County, a program which provides crisis intervention and advocacy services to all victims of sexual assault and exploitation, and provides community education programs to the Madison County community of the prevention of sex crimes.

The Rape Crisis Center offers a full curriculum of community education programs and training on the prevention of sexual abuse to local schools, agencies, civic organizations and groups.

These programs are offered to the Madison County community free of charge and include formats to address concerns of adults, children and adolescents. For information about scheduling a program, contact Dudasik at 649-3912.

Indiana 4H's Pay Visit To County

Twelve 4H's from Wells County, Ind., visited Madison County for a week as part of an exchange program sponsored by the Madison County 4H Teen Leader Council.

The 4H's lived with host families in the county for their stay and were treated to a countywide agricultural tour, camping at Rocky Bluff and visits to Biltmore House, Blue Ridge Parkway and Sliding Rock.

Roger Sherer, Wells County youth agent, and Pat Wall, 4H volunteer, chaperoned the group.

Wells County is located in the northernmost edge of Indiana and donated quite a bit of hay to area farmers during last year's drought.

The Indiana 4H's were Kathleen Donaghy, Kris Hallinger, Tracy Huffman, Eric and Ron Kelso, Sara Knowles, Darlene Lloyd, Kristi McMillan, Christa Meier, Mark and Mike Moore and Denise Plummer.

Madison County 4H's who hosted the group were: Charley Davis, Wendy Fox, Eric Gardner, Paula Hamlin, Christine Phillips, Jessica and Saysha Raper, Chris Stinson and Maria Wise.

The Madison County 4H Teen Leader Council will be raising funds later this year to finance a return trip to Indiana as part of the exchange experience.

ASU Lists Recent Grads

Appalachian State University granted degrees to undergraduates and graduates at its commencement ceremonies May 17.

Area graduates includes:

- Mars Hill: Susan Elizabeth Gore, master of art in agency counseling; and, Teresa Lynn Norris, bachelor of science in criminal justice.

- Marshall: Barbara Zimmerman Penland, master of art in French, education (graduate teaching certificate).

- Weaverville: Michael Curtis Bitner, bachelor of science in criminal justice.

- Leicester: Lisa Joy Hawkins, bachelor of science in elementary education (middle-junior high specialty teaching certificate).

- Barnardsville: Marcia Lea Morgan, bachelor of science in political science.

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